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Bob Bosworth, Chairman Upper Sacramento Advisory Council P. O. Box 546 Cottonwood, CA 96022

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

I am writing to encourage the continued support of the Upper Sacramento River Advisory Council for the Category III "Sacramento River Habitat Restoration Project--Colusa to Verona." This request is made in light of the recent change in involvement by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). I have been informed that WCB, the project sponsor, has had to withdraw their staff from the project but they are seeking a new project sponsor and may still provide funding for the project if negotiations with local interests are resolved in the short term.

As you know the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is in the process of developing alternative solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system. One of the four objectives of the Program is to improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecological functions in the Bay-Delta system to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species. The objective includes addressing problems in the Delta and the associated watersheds such as restoration of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River. The Sacramento River Project is consistent with the Bay-Delta Program's objectives for ecosystem restoration and is one of the early projects that was funded by the Category III Steering Committee to demonstrate the success of riparian habitat restoration.

I applaud the work the Advisory Council is doing regarding the planning for restoration of the Upper Sacramento River. I encourage you to continue your support of on-the-ground projects such as the Category III Sacramento River Project. If you have questions, please call Cindy Darling, Restoration Coordinator at 657-2666.

Lester A. Snow

Executive Director

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